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Good morning

Let us begin with a few moments of silence and stillness.....

The Collect

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

John 3:1-8

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Reflection by Canon Simon Stephens - locum at St.Andrew's

The Nicodemus in Us

As I read and reread the account of the confrontation between Jesus and Nicodemus, the more I am encouraged by the wonderful story about Captain Tom Moore which attracted so much worldwide media attention last week. Here was a retired Army veteran, a cancer survivor who at the age of 99, was anxious to thank the NHS for his hospital care. Aided and abetted by his daughter Hannah, he opened a Facebook Funding page seeking sponsorship for every lap of his garden he could do with the help of his walking frame. He finished 100 laps and to the world's astonishment, he raised over 15 million pounds! Wow!

During these dark and painful days, we are challenged by the Gospel to be born again in Christ...and if we accept Him as Lord and Saviour, there is nothing that we cannot do. As they say,"the world is our oyster"! We really can overcome our limitations and empowered by Christ, we can shed light, love and hope in the encircling gloom. Nicodemus as a leader of the Rabbinical Council knew much about the Man from Galilee..but could he accept the need for change and so be born again. Perhaps one of the 'fruits' of the Pandemic has been the great wave of change, sweeping across both the individuals and the world. Are you ready for change ? Are you ready to be born again in Christ that others may have life in Him ?

Almighty God,
maker of all good things:
Father, Lord of all creation,
in Christ you have shown us the purpose of your providence,
and call us to be responsible in the world.

We pray for all nations as they struggle with the problems created with the corona**Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer**

We pray for our Bishops, Archdeacon, Chaplains and Readers who preach the Gospel bringing a light to those in darkness and words of love to those in need of comfort in this time of closed churches and congregations locked down in their home. Thank you for the hard work of all clergy who are using social media and the internet to keep us informed, inspired and comforted by online services, preaching and teaching. **Lord, in your Mercy:
Hear our Prayer**

Creator God your son walked the roads and tracks of the Holy Land and taught us to seek your hand in the

beauty and wonders of earth and sea and the sky. We so often see too much of the evidence of poor stewardship in our surroundings and it is easy to forget that the world belongs to you. Help us to recognise your presence in our modern world, and help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, send your son to walk with those we know who are going through a time of suffering and pain. Help us to always be aware of one another's needs and to respond accordingly and assist them with words and deeds on to the road of recover. **Amen**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen